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Application Number	09/771,186
Filing Date	January 29, 2001
First Named Inventor	KOOL, et al.
Art Unit	1746
Examiner Name	BiBi Sharidan Carrillo
Attorney Docket Number	RD-28011 (3465)

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- Other _____

b. Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1003	520	2003	260			Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375			Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80			Provisional filing fee	
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Independent Claims		-20** =	
Multiple Dependent		- 3** =	

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
1202	18	2202 9 Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201 42 Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203 140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204 42 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
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1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	750.00

Other fee (specify) _____

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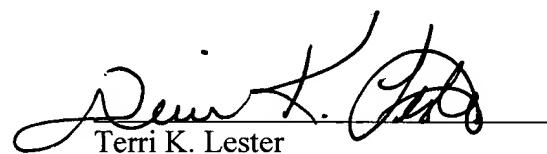
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A METHOD FOR REMOVING OXIDES AND COATINGS FROM A SUBSTRATE

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